

Problems with Line Item Veto Proposal

- Represents abdication of congressional responsibility
- Shifts too much power to Executive Branch and likely to have little impact on deficit
- Requires Congress to vote on President's proposals within 10 days
- Provides no opportunity to amend or filibuster proposed rescissions
- Allows President to cancel new mandatory spending proposals passed by Congress, such as those dealing with Social Security, Medicare, veterans, and agriculture
- Tax provisions are narrowly drawn, allowing President to rescind only those tax measures JCT specifies treat taxpayers differently; spending provisions are broadly drawn, allowing President to rescind any spending increase